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polypeptides of Groups I and II, and the methods of Group V use these claimed polynucleotides to produce the claimed polypeptides, it would be convenient to search these groups together because a search designed to identify art related to the subject matter of each of these groups will employ the same or similar search terms. Moreover, it is likely that an art search related to the polypeptides would also reveal any methods of their use. Further, the requirement for election of a species is traversed in view of the fact that a search for each of the recited species requires nothing more than a database comparison which can easily be carried out for the recited peptides. The Applicants assert that the number of species is not unreasonable and the searching required could easily be accomplished in a short period of time.

The Applicants therefore request that the restriction requirement and required election of a species be withdrawn.

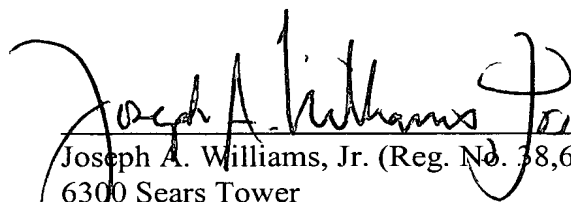
B. Correction of the Sequence Listing

In response to the Examiner's assertion that the computer-readable form of the sequence listing was defective, a substitute copy is submitted herewith. The statement as required under 37 CFR §1.821 (f) and (g) accompanies this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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